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TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE TOWN OF STRAF- FORD, FOR THE YEAR 1882, ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.

PAID SCHOOL BILLS.

District No.	1,	Daniel H. Scruton,	\$129 38
	3,	John I. Berry,	81 83
	4,	Samuel F. Welch,	62 43
	5,	John L. Babb,	109 79
	6,	Jacob W. Foss,	30 21
	7,	Lovell F. Berry,	104 15
	9,	Robert B. Peavey,	142 48
10 &	11,	Mary A. Shaw,	235 09
	12,	T. W. Leighton,	70 97
	13,	Horace W. Evans,	79 70
	14,	Benjamin T. Hayes,	68 58
	15,	Maranda F. Hawks,	97 70
	16,	John H. Perry,	95 67
	17,	John D. Clark,	133 04
	18,	Asenath A. Caverly,	101 36
	19,	George W. Boody,	88 95
	20,	Enoch Evans,	52 92
			\$1684 25

PAID FOR LABOR ON THE HIGHWAY,
Spring of 1882.

District No.	1,	Charles F. Foss,	\$ 2 52
	2,	Elbridge L. Foss,	10 59
	3,	John S. Brock,	13 44
	4,	Alonzo H. Cater,	10 20
	8,	John W. Avery,	14 04
	9,	E. H. Holmes,	2 80
	10,	Benjamin Berry,	1 38
	11,	Harrison S. Babb,	1 90
	19,	Lyman W. Foss,	8 40
	21,	Moses C. Willey,	4 32
	22,	Warren A. Small,	4 56
	25,	Benjamin T. Hayes,	3 80
	26,	Dow & Sterns,	8 12
	"	Charles P. Foss,	2 40
	31,	Daniel Clay,	19 22
	32,	Orrin Foss,	3 50
	33,	Charles N. Daniels,	11 08
	35,	John F. Hanson,	4 30
	36,	John C. Hall,	4 38
	37,	Melvin C. Tasker,	9 36
	"	" " " "	2 70
	40,	Charles E. Evans,	15 36
			\$158 37

PAID FOR LABOR ON THE HIGHWAY,
Summer of 1882.

District No.	1,	Charles F. Foss, bridge plank,	\$ 1 80
	5,	Gorham T. Foss, lumber & labor,	8 95
	6,	Hartley T. Paige,	7 25
	8,	John S. Winkley,	7 74
	"	B. Frank Foss, lumber & labor,	6 38
	"	John S. Winkley,	15 46
	"	James W. Tuttle,	9 24

District No. 9,	E. H. Holmes,	3 80
10,	Lovell F. Berry,	20 46
11,	John S. Brock, bridge plank,	11 62
16,	James H. Stiles, “	34 50
18,	Stephen N. Lougee,	5 80
21,	Stephen Leighton,	5 10
22,	Warren A. Small,	4 85
25,	Joseph E. Whitcher,	7 44
“	John P. Waldron, lumber,	4 83
26,	Joseph E. Whitcher,	9 95
27,	Charles E. Jenness,	14 09
30,	Edmund O. Caswell,	18 25
32,	John P. Waldron, bridge plank,	18 60
40,	Clinton Caswell,	12 80
41,	“ “ Pauper road,	4 80
42,	E. H. Holmes, Blue Hill pauper,	33 65
43,	Paul Perkins, bridge plank,	34 16
44,	Stephen N. Lougee, Dist. No. 18,	11 87
45,	Edwin W. Drew, Dist. No. 24,	4 94
		\$318 33

PAID FOR BREAKING ROADS—Winter of 1882-3.

District No. 7,	Gorham T. Foss,	\$17 00
8,	John S. Winkley,	12 47
10,	Mark F. Foss,	16 05
18,	Daniel J. Holmes,	7 65
20,	Hanson Howard,	12 91
21,	Stephen Leighton,	21 55
22,	Warren A. Small,	14 36
37,	Jeremiah Tasker,	14 45
38,	Charles F. Garland,	5 56
40,	Clinton Caswell,	18 48
41,	“ “ Pauper road,	4 44
42,	E. H. Holmes, Blue Hill do.,	31 03
		\$175 95

PAID NOTES, INTEREST AND BONDS.

Mary W. Evans,	\$45 82	Samuel B. Gray,	631 39
John W. Jewell,	90 72	Sarah J. Caverly,	38 19
Chas. W. Whitcher,	514 09	" " "	136 22
Jos. A. Whitcher,	1028 85	Geo. W. Goodwin,	801 81
Jos. E. Whitcher,	76 10	Samuel B. Gray,	51 71
Emma P. Neal,	550 00	Eliza A. Berry, bond,	57 00
" " "	100 00	A. B. Foss, bond,	500 00
Samuel Tasker,	373 27	H. C. Winkley, bond,	208 53
Sarah A. Trickey,	30 00	" " "	208 54
Elizabeth L. Weeks,	8 00	Sun. per. as per cou.,	102 00
Samuel B. Gray,	173 06		
			\$5725 30

BILLS PAID FOR COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid Moses Otis, for support of H. M. Otis,	\$ 50 00
John C. Hayes, on account of I. B. Brown,	9 25
Timothy L. Clark, for support of D. B. Straw,	31 00
David W. Evans, " " " Sarah Evans,	104 00
John W. Jewell, goods delivered J. H. Roberts,	8 00
A. B. Hill, coffin, &c., for I. B. Brown,	16 50
C. W. Hanson, med. att. to O. G. Johnson,	4 50
G. H. Hawley, " " " Mrs. I. Twombly,	9 00
A. B. Hill, coffin for Polly Brock,	15 00
Mary J. Young, nursing I. B. Brown,	12 00
H. C. Coburn, med. att. to A. Nuttall,	3 00
William Cate, support of Polly Brock,	92 00
Asa Caverly, Jr., " " Sally Hayes,	42 00
Plummer Johnson, " " Lois Sawyer,	25 50
Lovell F. Berry, goods del. I. P. Wentworth,	19 00
J. W. Pray, med. att. to J. W. Roberts,	4 50
" " " D. Tuttle,	6 00
" " " R. J. Caverly,	31 50
" " " L. Randlett,	14 00

Paid N. C. Twombly, " B. D. Straw,	16 00
" " " I. B. Brown,	35 87
C. M. Hill, goods del. W. F. Berry,	51 30
Henry A. Drew, support of A. Nuttall,	9 75
William Waterhouse, med. att. to J. S. Evans,	4 50
Charles E. Evans, support of J. H. Evans,	26 00
Samuel Brown, " Lizzie Brown,	34 00
George H. Brown, " "	18 00
" " " "	1 00
C. M. Hill, goods del. Fannie Stiles,	2 50
D. McDaniels, med. att. to " "	25 50
" " " Lizzie Brown,	9 00
	\$730 17

BILLS PAID FOR TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid Wm. Johnson, for sup. of Samuel Johnson,	\$21 00
C. M. Hill, goods del. J. S. Evans,	2 79
Horace W. Evans, supplies del. C. A. Bridges,	32 41
John P. Drew, for boarding Oliver G. Caswell,	
while taking care of Bridges' family,	16 25
Mary A. Gray, to labor and supplies for	
Bridges' family,	25 00
G. H. Hawley, med. att. to Bridges' family,	28 00
Edgar L. Carr, do.,	5 00
Oliver G. Caswell, nursing do.,	51 50
Melvin E. Babb, 3 coffins for do.,	33 00
Andrew J. Hall, for sup. of J. H. Tuttle,	50 00
Joshua Otis, supplies furnished M. Varney,	47 42
H. W. Roberts, flour del. M. Varney,	8 30
A. B. Hill, coffin, etc., for Joseph E. Piper,	15 00
C. M. Hill, goods del. L. B. Johnson,	10 32
N. C. Twombly, for support of Alice Bunker,	52 00
do. med. att. Bridges' family,	56 00
do. do. Alice Bunker,	8 00
do. do. Mrs. L. B. Johnson,	9 00

Paid Moses H. Piper, to support Jos. E. Piper,	25 00
Sam'l Brown, to sup. Abby L. Tuttle and child,	78 00
do. do.	3 00
	\$576 99

PAID STATE AND COUNTY TAXES, &c.

Paid Solon A. Carter, state tax,	\$1216 00
Harry Hough, county tax,	1429 65
C. W. Hanson, return of births and deaths,	1 25
William C. Berry, do. do.	3 50
W. H. Nute, do. do.	75
H. C. Coburn, do. do.	1 75
E. J. Lane & Co., invoice record book,	10 25
do. stationery,	8 04
Samuel F. Welch, watering tub,	3 00
William W. Hawkins, do.	2 00
John C. Hall, do.	3 00
G. G. Berry, printing town accounts,	31 40
James H. Stiles, hauling sawdust,	1 00
James M. Strachn, sawing wood,	50
James W. Tuttle, adv. non-resident taxes,	8 58
Drusilla B. Whitehouse, watering tub,	3 00
John O. Boody, printing orders,	1 50
John Sanders, watering tub,	2 00
	\$2727 17

PAID FOR LAWSUITS AND DAMAGES.

Paid Joshua G. Hall, for advice,	\$ 5 00
John O. Boody, witness in Caverly case,	2 00
Charles D. Scruton, do.	2 00
Solomon D. Berry, damage to wagon,	4 00
Charles H. Foss, do.	3 00
T. J. Smith, cash paid on Caverly homestead,	600 00

Paid John H. Bartlett, damage to sleigh,	1 00
David E. Avery, damage on highway,	50 00
Christopher Shaw, do.	1 50
T. J. Smith, services and advice in Caverly case,	44 20
	\$712 70

PAID SUNDRY PERSONS FOR SERVICES.

Paid Warren H. Perkins, Selectman, spring of 1882,	\$13 25
John C. Hayes, do. do.	10 00
Lovell F. Berry, do. do.	8 00
John S. Foss, Supervisor,	3 00
do. do.	3 50
O. M. Foss, do.	6 00
do. do.	6 00
Edrick I. Foss, do.	4 50
Hiram S. Hill, Auditor, 1881,	1 50
John W. Jewell, do.	1 50
N. C. Twombly, for affidavits,	1 00
Mark F. Foss, do.	50
Chas. H. Twombly, S. S. Committee,	65 00
Chas. D. Scruton, Treasurer, and cash paid out,	62 00
Loring K. Foss, Town Clerk,	55 00
Warren H. Perkins, Selectman for 1882,	138 75
John C. Hayes, do. do.	119 75
Lovell F. Berry, do. do.	84 50
	\$583 75

BOUNTIES ON CROWS.

Paid Warren H. Perkins, cash paid sun. persons,	\$4 20
John C. Hayes, do. do.	1 00
Lovell F. Berry do. do.	2 00
	\$7 20

PAID SCHOOLHOUSE TAX.

Paid George W. Boody, district No 19,	\$25 00
	\$25 00

PAID DAMAGES TO SHEEP, &c., BY DOGS.

Paid Mehitable Roberts,	\$ 6 00
John C. Hall,	3 00
Aaron W. Foss,	12 00
George S. Evans,	9 00
John H. Bateman,	9 00
	\$39 00

ABATEMENTS ALLOWED JAMES W. TUTTLE ON
HIS LIST OF TOWN TAXES FOR 1880.

George Berry,	\$2 27
Levi Bunker, non-resident,	2 82
Meshach Varney, poor,	1 66
Frank P. Bodwell, non-resident,	1 66
Thomas R. Perkins,	1 66
Ivory Johnson,	2 00
Alvah J. Sloper,	22
Alice Bunker, poor,	1 25
Herbert C. Winkley,	1 66
J. J. Foss, over seventy,	1 66
Samuel Hall,	46
Jared P. Brown, poor,	1 66
Charles E. Roberts, poor,	2 08
George W. Caverly,	1 66
Richard J. Caverly, poor,	1 66

Lyman W. Smith, overtax,	3 22
Mark Foss,	2 91
Charles Dow,	71
	\$31 22

ABATEMENTS ALLOWED JOSEPH L. HALL ON HIS
LIST OF TOWN TAXES FOR 1881.

Sally Winkley, highway,	\$ 70
Charles A. Bridges,	6 77
J. G. Caswell,	1 00
Alonzo Tuttle, poll,	2 45
John P. Niles,	1 23
Walter Woodman, horse,	2 45
F. P. Roberts, poor,	2 45
Charles Stiles,	6 77
Sloper place,	2 25
John H. Parshley,	1 85
John W. Locke,	4 18
A. H. Twombly,	95
William Strachn,	4 90
J. S. Cilley, non-resident,	2 45
H. S. Thompson,	2 45
Jacob Hall,	2 83
C. E. Hall,	3 69
Ivory Johnson,	1 00
Paul Tasker, Jr.,	1 87
John J. Demeritt, highway,	90
Moses P. Caverly,	5 51
Henry A. Drew, dog,	2 00
Frank P. Gray,	2 45
Christina Rewitzer,	1 42
	\$64 52

BILLS PAID ON INQUEST OF EMELINE S. WAL-
DRON AND LILLIAN W. TUTTLE.

Paid Edward Walker, coroner,	\$2 38
Luther C. Critchett, constable,	1 90
Daniel S. Woodman and others as jurors,	4 86
Joseph J. Woodman and others as witnesses,	5 60
C. W. Hanson, surgeon,	10 00
	\$24 74

ABATEMENTS ALLOWED JOSEPH L. HALL ON HIS
LIST OF TOWN TAXES FOR 1882.

George W. Caverly, non-resident,	\$ 1 78
Mrs. B. H. Bunker, poor,	1 34
Jeremiah D. Cate, non-resident,	2 22
Andrew J. Cate, non-resident,	1 78
Lydia Winkley, poor,	1 34
Wesley T. Royal, non-resident,	1 78
Meshach Varney, poor,	1 78
Sally B. Berry, poor,	4 18
Charles H. Twombly, poor,	78
Oliver P. Berry, barn burned,	8 90
Susan Foye, poor,	2 68
Moses C. Willey, sickness in family,	2 44
John W. Roberts, poor,	1 78
Darius W. Tuttle, poor,	2 40
Richard J. Caverly, lame,	1 78
Silas Tuttle, dead,	1 78
Hannah Caverly, poor,	54
H. F. Young, minister,	1 78
William W. Wilder, non-resident,	1 78
Cyrus H. Tasker, lame,	1 78
Charles E. Roberts, poor,	1 78
Benjamin F. Winkley, cow lost,	30
Harrison S. Babb, overtax,	89

John C. Peavey, horse lost,	80
Hiram D. Otis, cow lost,	44
Mehitable Roberts, cow and horse lost,	71
Ezra Tuttle, minister,	2 32
Albert Seavey, non-resident,	1 78
Albion S. Scruton, non-resident,	1 78
John Sanders, over seventy,	1 78

\$57 20

ABATEMENTS ALLOWED JOSEPH L. HALL ON
HIS LIST OF DOG TAXES FOR 1882.

Benjamin M. Foss,	\$1 00
Christina Rewitzer,	1 00
John C. Peavey,	1 00
Arthur Caverno,	1 00
Mehitable Roberts,	1 00
John D. Hanson,	1 00
John L. Canney,	1 00
Silas Tuttle,	1 00
John D. Clark,	1 00
Alonzo H. Cater,	1 00
Charles E. Roberts,	1 00
James M. Caswell,	1 00
John H. Parshley,	1 00
Warren H. Perkins,	1 00

\$14 00

RECAPITULATION OF MONEY PAID AWAY.

Amount paid on school bills,	\$1684 25
on highway, spring of 1882,	158 37
on highway, summer of 1882,	318 33
on highway, winter of 1882-3	175 95
on notes, interest and bonds,	5725 30
for county paupers,	730 17
for town paupers,	576 99
for inquest of Emeline S. Waldron and Lillian W. Tuttle,	24 74
State and County taxes, &c.,	2727 17
for lawsuits and damages,	712 70
sundry persons for services,	583 75
for bounty on crows,	7 20
for schoolhouse tax,	25 00
for damage to sheep by dogs,	39 00
on abatements,	166 94
in Treasurer's hands,	2060 32
	\$15,716 18

MONEY RECEIVED AND RECEIPTED FOR BY
CHARLES D. SCRUTON, TREASURER, FOR THE
YEAR 1882, ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.

Received of Charles D. Scruton, treasurer for 1881,	\$1453 77
Walter J. Gray, by note,	275 00
Jesse B. Gray, do.	275 00
Julia A. Gray, do.	25 00
Samuel B. Gray, do.	50 00
Sarah J. Caverly, do.	79 00
Mary W. Evans, do.	45 82
Joseph A. Whitcher, do.	1028 85
Charles W. Whitcher, do.	514 09

Received of Joseph E. Whitcher, do.	76 10
Warren Foye, due on note,	24 95
Mary A. Ham, on execution,	78 00
Solon A. Carter, railroad tax,	2 22
Do. savings bank tax,	906 74
Do. literary fund,	152 26
Do. bounties,	8 10
James W. Tuttle, collector for 1880,	31 87
Do. abatements do.	31 22
Joseph L. Hall, collector for 1881,	2145 48
Do. abatements do.	64 52
Do. collector for 1882,	7588 04
Do. abatements do.	57 20
Do. do. on dogs, '82,	14 00
George W. Brewster, interest on bond,	1 00
Harry Hough, for support of county paupers,	787 95
	\$15716 18

CHARLES D. SCRUTON, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

HIRAM S. HILL,
LUTHER C. CRITCHETT, } Auditors.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.

Outstanding Debts Against the Town, March 1, 1883.

Betsy Y. Caverly,	note and interest,	\$77 02
D. D. Caswell,	do.,	266 26
Albert H. Foss,	do.,	59 15
Sylvester Foss,	do.,	147 88
Mary A. Hall,	do.,	266 20
Samuel F. Welch,	do.,	182 73
Gorham T. Foss,	do.,	797 98
Lois W. Berry,	do.,	63 19
Eliza J. Hill,	do.,	59 25
Sarah A. Trickey,	do.,	208 71
Horatio N. Foss,	do.,	1159 10
Herbert S. Scruton,	do.,	241 10
Sarah A. Foss,	do.,	276 26
Charles F. Montgomery,	do.,	647 72
Joel F. Berry,	do.,	345 20
Daniel Berry,	do.,	116 77
Polly Otis,	do.,	117 20
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Herbert S. Scruton,	do.,	41 13
Mercy E. Montgomery,	do.,	233 16
Martha A. Perkins,	do.,	557 97
David M. Perkins,	do.,	1785 54
Clara J. Hall,	do.,	84 60
Frank H. Hall,	do.,	318 69
Rufus Hall,	do.,	868 34
Mercy E. Montgomery,	do.,	1849 65
Daniel Huckins,	do.,	2538 48
Charles F. Montgomery,	do.,	461 10
Lyman Parsons,	do.,	206 69
Charles F. Montgomery,	do.,	137 79
Oliver M. Swain,	do.,	286 79
Mary L. Goss,	do.,	63 05
Lyman Parsons,	do.,	194 84

Mary A. McDonald,	note and interest,	127 40
Elmer Berry,	do.,	42 07
D. D. Caswell,	do.,	214 26
Cotton H. Foss,	do.,	453 19
Harrison Twombly,	do.,	480 91
Paul Tasker,	do.,	141 52
Aaron W. Foss,	do.,	2260 64
Mercy E. Montgomery,	do.,	787 87
Asa Perkins,	do.,	1462 27
Warren P. Hanscom,	do.,	156 42
John H. Scott, 2d,	do.,	71 81
Albert H. Foss,	do.,	326 19
John W. Jewell,	do.,	224 96
Elizabeth L. Weeks,	do.,	207 20
Emma P. Neal,	do.,	1476 25
Stephen Young,	do.,	2163 20
Social Circle, Center Strafford,	do.,	82 26
Martha Whitcher,	do.,	694 92
Alfred Jenness,	do.,	184 30
John H. Perry,	do.,	315 94
Lizzie S. Caswell,	do.,	315 94
Elmer Berry,	do.,	126 38
Mary E. Hill,	do.,	210 63
Abigail T. Swain,	do.,	526 58
Elmer Berry,	do.,	117 24
Walter J. Gray,	do.,	284 60
Jesse B. Gray,	do.,	284 60
Julia A. Gray,	do.,	25 86
Sarah J. Caverly,	do.,	81 73
Mary W. Evans,	do.,	47 40
Joseph A. Whitcher,	do.,	1028 85
Joseph E. Whitcher,	do.,	76 10
Charles W. Whitcher,	do.,	514 09
Mary J. Parsons,	bond,	50 00
Jesse M. Knowles,	do.,	1248 00
Joseph P. Weeks,	do.,	400 00
Paul Hanson,	do.,	200 00
George W. Brewster,	do.,	175 00
Judith Brewster,	do.,	200 00
Ellen M. Smith,	do.,	118 00

Dorcas Worcester,	bond,	150 00
Jonathan F. Worcester,	do.,	254 00
Marston W. Brock,	do.,	59 00
School district No. 11, before it was annexed to district No. 10,		27 51
School district No. 6,		170 03
		\$33341 86

DEBTS DUE THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1883.

Joseph F. Caverly, collector, 1878,	\$21 88
do., do., 1879,	643 79
United States bounties,	2091 62
Mark K. Foss and Loring K. Foss,	237 46
Warren H. Perkins,	237 46
Paul Perkins,	118 00
David and John W. Avery,	368 75
Due on J. F. Caverly homestead,	600 00
Joseph L. Hall, collector, 1881,	143 37
do., 1882,	2190 89
In Treasurer's hands,	2060 32
	\$8713 54
Outstanding debts against the town, March 1, 1883,	\$33341 86
Debts due the town, March 1, 1883,	8713 54
Balance against the town,	\$24,628 32
Reduction of the town debt for the year ending March 1, 1883,	\$2964 46

WARREN H. PERKINS,	} Selectmen of Strafford.
JOHN C. HAYES,	
LOVELL F. BERRY,	

HIRAM S. HILL,	} Auditors.
LUTHER C. CRITCHETT,	

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Superintending School Committee
OF THE
TOWN OF STRAFFORD,

For the Year Ending March, 1883.

CITIZENS OF STRAFFORD:

In complying with the requirements of the school law it is necessary that an annual report of the condition of the public schools in town should be made. Consequently I submit to you the following report, which has been carefully and impartially prepared, giving schools and teachers their just merits:

DISTRICT No 1.

Prudential Committee, D. H. Scruton.

Two terms. A summer term of nine weeks, taught by Miss Mattie A. Horne of Rochester. This is quite a large school and some of the scholars are well advanced. The improvement of the school was very good. The reading classes made an excellent improvement during the term, as

Miss Horne is a good instructor in this branch. Miss Horne tried hard to have the scholars make good advancement in their studies, and succeeded very well, considering that the school was interrupted by sickness, which she was not responsible for.

Whole No. of scholars, 23 ; average No., 20.

The winter term, of thirteen weeks, was taught by Mr. Fred T. Stanton. This being Mr. Stanton's first attempt at teaching it could not be expected that he could proceed with as much ease and exactness as a teacher with terms of experience, but Mr. Stanton did very well and improved very much in his ways of imparting knowledge during the term. Some of the scholars made very good progress and were quite prompt at recitations.

Whole No. of scholars, 26 ; average No., 22.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Prudential Committee, John I. Berry.

Two terms. A summer term of six weeks, taught by Miss Nettie F. Foss. This is not a very large school, but the scholars are very earnest workers and made an excellent improvement during the term. The scholars were very prompt at recitations and seemed to thoroughly understand what they had been over. Miss Foss is a very good instructor and one that worked hard for the advancement of the school. The discipline was perfect.

Whole No. of scholars, 13 ; average No., 12.

The winter term, of eight weeks, was taught by Miss Belle A. Jenkins of Rochester. On account of not receiving notice of the time the school closed I did not visit the school at the close of the term, but judging by the appearance of the school at my first visit I consider that the term

was a profitable one. Miss Jenkins is a good scholar and one that has had considerable experience in teaching.

Whole No. of scholars, 16 ; average No. 15.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Prudential Committee, S. Frank Welch.

One term, of twelve weeks, taught in the fall by Mr. Arthur G. Scruton. This is a small school. The scholars are small and of course not far advanced, but made good progress during the term. This was Mr. Scruton's first attempt at teaching, but he did very well and worked hard for the advancement of the school. The discipline was good.

Whole No. of scholars, 6 ; average No., 6.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Prudential Committee, John L. Babb.

Two terms. A summer term of seven weeks, taught by Miss H. Nettie Furber of Alton. This is not a very large school and the scholars did not make as much advancement as they ought to have made, on account of the teacher not doing a sufficient amount of work in the school-room, although they were thorough in what they had been over. The discipline was good.

Whole No. of scholars, 8 ; average No., 6.

The fall term, of fourteen weeks, was taught by Miss Hortense Dealand of Wolfeboro'. Miss Dealand is an experienced teacher and one that worked earnestly for the advancement and thoroughness of her pupils and maintained good order. The scholars made good progress during the term and were prompt at recitations.

Whole No. of scholars, 7 ; average No., 7.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Prudential Committee, Jacob W. Foss.

One term of eight weeks, taught in the fall by Miss Nettie F. Foss. This is the smallest school in town, but the scholars were attentive to their studies and made good progress during the term. Miss Foss has taught this school a number of terms in the past. Being perfectly acquainted with the wants of the school she worked for the best interests of the scholars.

Whole No. of scholars, 5 ; average No., 1.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Prudential Committee, Lovell F. Berry.

Two terms. A summer term of eight weeks and a fall term of ten weeks, both taught by Mrs. Edna I. Berry. This is one of the most advanced schools in town. The scholars were very attentive to their studies and manifested a great interest in the school. They were thorough in their studies and prompt at recitations. This school has not been surpassed in making progress by any one in town. Mrs. Berry is one of our best teachers and one that took an interest in the advancement of the school. She has the pliancy of interesting her scholars in their studies. Her pupils learned their lessons, not from the fear of being punished, but because they were interested to advance in their studies.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 29 ; average No., 28.

2d " " " " " " 29 ; " " " 27.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Prudential Committee, R. B. Peavey.

Two terms. A summer term of nine weeks and a fall term of ten and eight-tenths weeks, both taught by Miss

Laura E. Montgomery of Northwood. This is not a large school nor are the scholars far advanced, but they made an excellent improvement during the year. Miss Montgomery is a good teacher, one that has her scholars go thorough in their studies and does not allow her pupils to hurry over lessons that they do not thoroughly understand. It is her motto to have the scholars depend on their memories rather than the text books, by bringing a great amount of blackboard exercises into practice. The scholars were prompt at recitations.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 20 ; average No., 17.
 2d " " 18 ; " 18.

DISTRICT Nos. 10 AND 11.

Prudential Committee, Mrs. Mary A. Shaw.

Three terms. A summer term of nine weeks and a fall term of six weeks, both taught by Mrs. Edna E. Copp of Barnstead. This is the largest school in town. The larger number of the scholars are small and not far advanced, but the school affords some good scholars that are well advanced and thorough in their studies. The progress during the two terms of school was excellent. The scholars made good advancement in their studies and were prompt at recitations. Mrs. Copp is a teacher of considerable experience, a good instructor and one that fully meets the requirements of a good teacher.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 37 ; average No., 34.
 2d " " 36 ; " 33.

The winter term, of fourteen weeks, was taught by Mr. Isaac Copp of Barnstead. Mr. Copp is one of our most successful teachers. One with the ability to instruct pupils in a manner that will interest them in their studies. His

plain and exact ways of instructing enables each scholar to thoroughly derive the full benefit of each recitation. The scholars made good advancement during the term.

Whole No. of scholars, 44 ; average No., 39.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Prudential Committee, T. W. Leighton.

Two terms. A summer term of seven weeks, taught by Mrs. Nancy L. Perkins. This is not a very large school, but the scholars are prompt workers and some of them are well advanced. The scholars made excellent progress while under Mrs. Perkins' care. The scholars were prompt at recitations and seemed to understand what they had been over. Mrs. Perkins is a thorough instructor and one that cares for the moral as well as for the mental welfare of her scholars. She has taught this school a number of terms with perfect success.

Whole No. of scholars, 12 ; average No., 11.

The fall term, of eight weeks, was taught by Miss Ada E. Emerson of Barnstead. Miss Emerson is a very successful teacher. The scholars made good progress while under her care. Her ways of instruction were clear and exact. The scholars gave evidence at the close of the term that they thoroughly understood what they had been over.

Whole No. of scholars, 14 ; average No., 13.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Prudential Committee, Horace W. Evans.

Two terms. A summer term of seven weeks and a fall term of ten weeks, both taught by Miss Carrie H. Evans of Barnstead. This is quite a large school and the larger

part of the scholars are well advanced. The scholars made an excellent progress during the year. Miss Evans has taught this school a number of terms in the past and is a very thorough teacher, not allowing a scholar to pass a lesson without thoroughly understanding it. Miss Evans' easy and stern way in the school-room enabled her to govern the scholars with perfect ease.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 14 ; average No., 14.

2d " " 15 ; 14.

DISTRICT No. 14.

Prudential Committee, Benjamin T. Hayes.

Two terms. A summer term of nine weeks and fall term of eight weeks, both taught by Miss Anna B. Hayes. This is a very small school and the scholars are not far advanced. Miss Hayes has tried hard to make the school a profitable one for the scholars, and as the scholars made good progress I shall say that she succeeded. The discipline was good.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 4 ; average No., 2.

2d " " 2 ; " 2.

DISTRICT No. 15.

Prudential Committee, Mrs. Blaner Hawkes.

Two terms. A summer term of five weeks, taught by Miss Minnie J. Veasey of Deerfield. This is not a large school but the most of the scholars are large and well advanced. Miss Veasey tried hard for the advancement of the scholars and to have them thoroughly understand what they went over during the term, and, judging by the examination, she succeeded. The scholars were prompt at recitations and understood what they had been over.

Whole No. of scholars, 13 ; average No., 11.

The fall term, of twelve and seven-tenths weeks, was taught by Miss Anna J. Clarke of Concord. Miss Clarke is a teacher of considerable experience and one that works for the best interests of the scholars, having them go thorough in their studies and put in practice what they learn. The scholars made an excellent improvement in their studies during the term. The discipline was good.

Whole No. of scholars, 15 ; average No., 13.

DISTRICT No. 16.

Prudential Committee, John H. Perry.

Two terms. A summer term of nine weeks and a fall term of nine and six-tenths weeks, both taught by Miss Ida A. Perry. This is a small school but the scholars are quite well advanced and seem to have a desire to advance still more. Miss Perry is a very quiet teacher in the school-room and one that tries to have her pupils improve every moment that they are in the school-room. The scholars made good progress during the year and were prompt and thorough at recitations. The discipline was good.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 9 ; average No., 9.

2d " " " " 6 ; " " 5.

DISTRICT No. 17.

Prudential Committee, John D. Clark.

Three terms. A summer term of ten weeks and a fall term of seven weeks, both taught by Miss Lizzie I. Lane of Lee. This is a large school and the scholars are small and not far advanced, but made good progress while under Miss Lane's care. It was Miss Lane's motto to keep good order and have the scholars study and get their lessons.

The scholars were prompt at recitations and understood what they had been over.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 31 ; average No., 28.

2d " " " 24 ; " " 22.

The winter term, of eight and two-tenths weeks, was taught by Miss Carrie E. Thompson of Lee. Miss Thompson is a good instructor and one that works for the best interests of her scholars. The school made good advancement while under her charge. The discipline was perfect.

Whole No. of scholars, 28 ; average No., 26.

DISTRICT No. 18.

Prudential Committee, Mrs. A. A. Caverly.

Two terms. A summer term of eight weeks and a fall term of ten weeks, both taught by Miss M. Abbie Nute of Madbury. This is a large school and the scholars are well advanced. The school made an excellent improvement during the year. Miss Nute is one of our best teachers, always finding enough to do, and one that performs a thorough work in the school-room. Miss Nute has taught this school for a number of terms, meeting with the best of success. The scholars were prompt at recitations and thorough in what they had been over. The discipline was perfect.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 23 ; average No., 22.

2d " " " 26 ; " " 24.

DISTRICT No. 19.

Prudential Committee, George W. Boody.

Two terms. A summer term of nine weeks and a fall term of nine weeks, both taught by Miss Elona G. Manning of Nottingham. This is not a large school, but the

scholars are well advanced and are good workers. Miss Manning is a thorough teacher and one that always finds enough to do in the school-room. The scholars made good improvement during the year and were prompt at recitations and seemed to perfectly understand what they had been over. The discipline was perfect.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 14; average No., 12.

2d " " " 15; " " 13.

DISTRICT No. 20.

Prudential Committee, Enoch Evans.

Two terms. A summer term of six weeks and a fall term of seven weeks, both taught by Miss Fannie L. Evans of Barnstead. This is a small school. The scholars are small and not far advanced. This was Miss Evans' first attempt at teaching, but she did well and the scholars made a good improvement during the year. Miss Evans is a good scholar and one that takes an interest in her school, and with experience she will make one of our best teachers. The discipline was good.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 3; average No., 3.

2d " " " 6; " " 5.

PROGRESS.

The schools have been very successful during the year. Prudential committees have been fortunate in the selecting of the teachers. They have all been very good ones and some of them as good ones as can be found. It has been noticed that the teachers have manifested a good interest in the promoting of education. I have been delighted to witness the success that our teachers have met with during the year.

PARENTS.

It is your duty as parents to co-operate with the teachers if you wish the schools to prosper. You should not neglect to visit the school in your district a number of times during each term, for the purpose of ascertaining how your children are progressing and to encourage them in their studies. Nothing is more pleasing and encouraging to the teacher than to have parents visit the school and co-operate with them in the promoting of education. Parents, you should take an interest in having your children attend school regularly and not allow them to be tardy, and avoid keeping them at home for the amount of work that they can do as much as possible. It is more for the interest of your children to attend school than to stay at home. Children can not make rapid progress if they only attend school two or three days out of a week. It is necessary that your children should attend school regularly if you wish them to make great advancement in their studies. The greatest evil which hinders the success of our scholars is irregular attendance. Parents, you will find fault that your children do not make sufficient advancement in their studies and blame the teachers for what you yourselves are to blame for. Parents, if you wish your children to advance and make a rapid progress in educating themselves you should see that they attend school regularly and see that they are advised to perform all the work that is possible in school. It is also the duty of you as parents to uphold the teachers in keeping good order and in making the scholars obey the rules of the school, for without order our schools are worthless. If your children get punished for misconduct at school, avoid making any complaint against the teacher that will have a tendency to create any hardness between your children and the teacher, but encourage them to obey the teacher. Parents, if you wish our schools to be successful you must be co-workers with the teachers.

TEXT BOOKS.

There has been no change made in the text books during the year, and I do not think it is necessary to make a change for awhile, as we have a very good series in use at present.

CHARLES H. TWOMBLY, S. S. Committee.

Strafford, February 28, 1883.

Number of District.	TEACHERS.	Revenue.		Teacher's Wages.		Length of Schools.		1st Term	2d Term		
		Raised by Town.	Literary Fund.	First Term.	Second Term.	First Term.	Second Term.	Whole No. Scholars.	Av. No. of Scholars.	Whole No. Scholars.	Av. No. of Scholars.
1	Miss Mattie A. Horne,	\$120 13	\$ 9 25	\$22 00		9		23	20		
"	Mr. Fred T. Stanton,				\$22 00		13			26	22
3	Miss Nettie F. Foss,	75 99	5 84	20 00		6		13	12		
"	" Belle A. Jenkins,				24 00		8			16	15
4	Mr. Arthur G. Scruton,	57 97	4 46	20 00		12		6	6		
5	Miss H. Nettie Furber,	101 94	7 85	19 00		7		8	6		
"	" Hortense Dealand,				20 00		14			7	7
6	" Nettie F. Foss,	27 95	2 26	16 00		8		5	1		
7	Mrs. Edna I. Berry,	96 70	7 45	22 00	22 00	8	10	29	28	29	27
9	Miss L. E. Montgomery,	132 30	10 18	28 00	28 00	9	10.8	20	17	18	18
10-11	Mrs. Edna E. Copp,	218 30	16 79	26 00		*15		37	34		
"	Mr. Isaac Copp,				34 00		14			44	39
12	Mrs. Nancy L. Perkins,	65 89	5 08	18 00		7		12	11		
"	Miss Ada E. Emerson,				18 00		8			14	13
13	" Carrie H. Evans,	74 01	5 69	15 00	15 00	7	10	14	14	15	14
14	" Anna B. Hayes,	63 69	4 89	16 00	16 00	9	8	4	2	2	2
15	" Minnie J. Veasey,	90 72	6 98	19 00		5		13	11		
"	" Anna J. Clarke,				23 00		12.7			15	13
16	" Ida A. Perry,	88 85	6 82	20 00	20 00	9	9.6	9	9	6	5
17	" Lizzie I. Lane,	123 54	9 50	20 00		*17		31	28		
"	" Carrie E. Thompson				20 00		8.2			28	26
18	" M. Abbie Nute,	94 11	7 25	24 00	24 00	8	10	23	22	26	24
19	" Elona G. Manning,	82 59	6 36	20 00	20 00	9	9	14	12	15	13
20	" Fannie L. Evans.	49 32	3 60	16 00	16 00	6	7	3	3	6	5

*Two Terms.

SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING
MARCH, 1883.

Whole No. of scholars enrolled for the year,	316
Average No. belonging to the schools,	248
Average daily attendance,	203 3-4
No. of weeks school in summer,	118
“ “ fall and winter,	185
Total,	303 3-10
No. of schools,	17
“ weeks taught by females,	264 3-10
“ “ “ males,	39
“ visits made by S. S. Committee,	70

Number of scholars attending to Reading and Spelling, 278; Penmanship, 177; Arithmetic, 233; Grammar, 77; Geography, 150; History, 16; Physiology, 4; Algebra, 20; Geometry, 3; Philosophy, 9; Rhetoric, 1; Natural History, 1; Chemistry, 1; Astronomy, 2; English Literature, 1; Book-Keeping, 4.

